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TAIWANESE DELEGATION VISITS CHURCH CENTER

NEW YORK -- A 14-man Christian delegation from the Republic of China visited the Episcopal Church Center recently to bring a message of "friendship, peace and love."

The delegation, headed by Dr. Liang-Chien Cha, chairman of the board of Tunghai University and president of the Sino-American Cultural and Economic Association, said that the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) want to strengthen the bonds of unity with the people of the United States. "We have a common ideal of freedom and liberty, we hope and work for a better world, and we must be more united than ever," said Cha.

The delegation, which visited Washington, D.C. and New York, came to the United States at the invitation of the National Religious Broadcasters, which met in Washington recently. During their stay in the nation's capital, they participated in several activities related to the inauguration of the new U.S. President, Ronald Reagan.

At their visit to the Episcopal Church Center, the delegation was welcomed by Mrs. Jeannie Willis, Deputy Assistant to the Rev. Samuel Van Culin, Executive for World Mission in Church and Society.

The Rt. Rev. P.Y. Cheung, Episcopal Bishop of Taiwan, vice-chairman of the delegation, said in a sermon at the Eucharist at the Chapel of Christ the Lord that Christ is "calling us to a ceaseless fight against disease and sickness and evil and corruption" in the whole world.

He also said that Christians are called to be witnesses in the midst of the society in which they find themselves and that they must work for peace and understanding at the local and international levels.